# **DEBT SERVICE**



**FY18 ADOPTED BUDGET** 

#### **DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Shelby County has adopted and maintains an updated debt management policy to provide written guidance related to the purpose and use of debt to fund the County's capital needs and the process of issuance of the County's debt obligations. The debt policy is intended to assist in maintaining the County's ability to incur debt and other long-term obligations at favorable interest rates and to repay debt responsibly without impairing other resources. Responsible issuance of debt for capital needs provides an investment in our community and makes these capital expenditures affordable to current users while allowing capital costs to be more equitably distributed to both current and future users.

The debt policy formally establishes the parameters for issuing debt in consideration of the County's ability to repay financial obligations within the context of legal, economic, financial and debt market conditions. It is intended to provide guidance in debt issuance decisions, to promote sound financial management, to protect and enhance the County's credit rating, to ensure the legal use of debt proceeds and to provide for the evaluation of debt issuance options. Specific guidelines in the policy address the types of acceptable investments, diversification, interest structure, the use of derivatives, and debt refunding.

The Debt Management Policy for Shelby County was first established by resolution in 2002 and updated in 2005 and 2011. The current Debt Management Policy was updated and adopted by resolution in 2014.

### **USE AND PURPOSE OF DEBT**

Debt is issued primarily for school construction and for major capital improvements to County facilities, roads and equipment. A five-year Capital Improvement Plan is developed and updated annually as a part of the budget process. The plan includes consideration of all funding sources and the timing of the capital projects identified in the operating and capital budgets. During the annual budgeting process, the current year proposed capital improvement projects are reviewed and prioritized to ensure consistency with the County's goals and objectives.

The County's share of allocations in the Capital Improvement Plan is limited to approximately \$75 million each year. To the extent practical, no more than \$55 million will be funded by debt each year. About 80% of the County's total expenditure for Debt is related to schools.

#### CAPITAL FINANCING

Decisions regarding the use of capital financing are based in part on the long-term needs of the County versus the amount of other funding resources dedicated in a given fiscal year to capital outlay on a "Pay-As-You-Go" basis, as defined below. It is the County's preference to provide capital outlay on a Pay-As-You-Go basis, except for Education capital funding and for projects in excess of \$5 million. The County also includes Pay-As-You-Go funding in the Operating Budget for smaller asset acquisitions and improvements each year rather than in the Capital Improvement Budget. These capital expenditures are detailed in the CIP section of this book. The Capital Improvement Plan identifies the projects intended to be financed by the issuance of debt.

Capital financing typically includes two types of funding: Pay-As-You-Go and Debt financing:

<u>Pay-As-You-Go</u> financing is defined as all sources of funding other than debt issuance – including state, federal and local governmental reimbursements or grants, CIP fund balance, private donor contributions, investment earnings and any other dedicated revenue sources.

To the extent available, this form of financing will be used for:

- Projects that do not constitute assets of the County
- Smaller projects or those with a shorter useful life
- Other non-school related projects

<u>Debt Financing</u> is generally obtained either through a short term borrowing program or the issuance of long term general obligation debt. A short term borrowing program may be established each fiscal year to cover the estimated amount of current year payments for projects authorized in that year as well as the payments expected from projects appropriated in previous fiscal years and continuing into the current year. When short term borrowing is used, it is converted to long term general obligation debt within two to three years of the initial draw date.

#### REVENUE SOURCES FOR DEBT SERVICE

Property taxes are the primary funding source for repayment of annual debt service, with about 17% of the tax rate allocated directly to the Debt Service Fund. The allocation for debt service has been reduced over the past decade through controlled limitation of new debt issuance.

Until last year, the Wheel Tax revenue collected on license renewals was divided between the Education Fund and the Debt Service Fund for repayment of debt incurred for school construction. The County Commission allocated 100% of the Wheel Tax to Education beginning in FY2017. This change represents another significant debt funding restructure made possible through gradual debt reduction.

Current debt service obligations are paid with current funding sources. Fund balance is used only for savings opportunities associated debt refinancing, repayment or other non-recurring costs. Fund Balance is maintained at or above the recommended policy level.

#### **BOND RATINGS**

Credit ratings issued by the bond rating agencies are a major factor in determining the cost of borrowed funds in the municipal bond market. Determination of a credit rating by a rating agency is based on the rating agency's assessment of the credit worthiness of an issuer with respect to a specific obligation. To make this judgment, the rating agencies analyze the issuer in four broad areas: economic base, debt burden, administrative management and fiscal management. In an effort to maintain the ability to access the municipal markets at the lowest cost, Shelby County intends to maintain or increase the current ratings assigned by the nation rating agencies.

Current bond ratings: Moody's AA1

S&P/Fitch AA+

#### **DEBT LIMIT**

Debt may generally be issued without regard to any limit on indebtedness. However, the Debt Management Policy stipulates that General Obligation Bonds and Notes should be maintained at a level considered manageable by the rating agencies based upon current economic conditions such as population, per capita income and assessed valuation. Several debt affordability target ratios were established for this purpose. The County conducts its finances so that the amount of general obligation debt does not exceed 12% of the County's taxable assessed valuation or 5% of the appraised valuation. On a per capita basis, debt should be maintained at a level below 6% of the personal income of County residents. Comparisons of actual performance versus standards established by the current County Debt Management Policy are shown on the following page.

Shelby County's tax-supported debt level peaked in fiscal year 2007 at \$1.85 billion and has been declining since then. It is the County's intent to consistently reduce its outstanding debt over time until debt reaches a level of approximately \$700 million.

#### **Debt Affordability Targets:**

Debt to Appraised Property Value Percentage	Under 5%
Debt to Assessed property Value Percentage	Under 12%
Debt to Per Capita Personal Income Percentage	Under 6%
Principal Debt Percent Retired in Ten Years	Over 50%
Debt Service as Percent of Non-Capital Expenditures	Under 20%
Debt per Capita	Under \$2,000

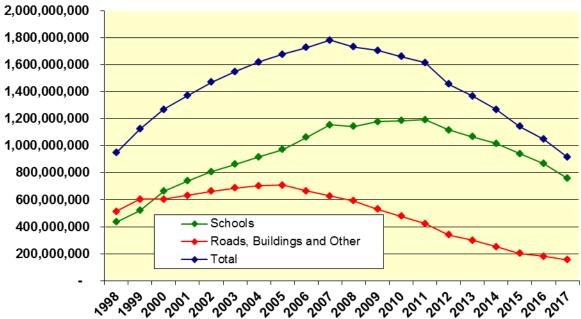
BONDED DEBT RATIO ANALYSIS								
(in thousands)								
		<u>2017</u>	<u>2014</u>		2015		<u>2016</u>	2017
Estimated Population								
Appraised Property Valuation		\$ 60,418,966	\$ 60,586,935	\$	59,884,234	\$	59,897,289	\$60,418,966
Assessed Valuation		18,102,855	18,165,887		17,966,889		17,939,880	18,102,855
Total General Fund Revenue		387,469	380,460		381,887		387,500	387,469
Total General ObligationDebt		989,747	1,269,191		1,143,350		998,061	989,747
<u>Debt Ratio Targets</u>	<u>Goal</u>							
Debt to Appraised Valuation %	under 5%	1.64%	2.09%		1.91%		1.67%	1.64%
Debt to Assessed Property Valuation %	under 12%	5.47%	6.99%		6.36%		5.56%	5.47%
Debt Per Capita	under \$2,0	1,138	1,375		1,331		1,204	1,138
Debt to Per Capita Personal Income %	under 6%	2.51%	3.24%		3.08%		2.69%	2.51%
Principal Debt % Retired in 10 Years	over 50%	88.44%	73.89%		80.38%		90.44%	88.44%
Debt Service as % of Non-Capital Expenditures	under 20%	21.40%	16.07%		16.03%		23.94%	21.40%
Fund Balance Targets:								
General Fund - Unassigned as % of annual revenue (preferred balance > 25%)	20 - 30%	27.71%	26.93%		28.22%		27.30%	27.71%
Debt Service Fund -Committed as % of annual revenue	20 - 30%	36.11%	45.14%		44.17%		32.90%	36.11%

Shelby County's debt obligations are within the stated affordability targets, with favorable trends achieved over the past four years.

**FY18 Debt Service for Outstanding Debt** 

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	Outstanding	FY18	FY18	Total FY18			
Description	at 6/30/17	Principal	Interest	Debt Service			
2006B PUBLIC IMP/SCHOOLS	152,165,000	2,020,000	6,718,538	8,738,538			
2009 QCSB	31,330,803	3,439,402	835,068	4,274,470			
2009A PUBLIC IMP/SCHOOLS	68,975,000	19,290,000	3,350,163	22,640,163			
2009B PUBLIC IMP/SCHOOLS	33,670,000	4,215,000	1,479,414	5,694,414			
2009C PUBLIC IMP/SCHOOLS	60,000,000	-	3,416,213	3,416,213			
2010 QSCB	42,428,230	4,196,919	3,260,765	7,457,684			
2011A REFUNDING BOND PI/SCH%	67,410,000	7,055,000	3,074,975	10,129,975			
2011A REV-PORT COMM	17,407,500	600,000	801,050	1,401,050			
2012A REFUNDING PI/SCH	222,625,000	14,350,000	10,421,625	24,771,625			
2012B REFUNDING SCHOOL%	3,065,000	2,675,000	122,600	2,797,600			
2015A REFUNDING PI/SCH	139,620,000	35,635,000	6,720,938	42,355,938			
2016A REFUNDING PI/SCH	67,645,000	2,855,000	3,143,475	5,998,475			
2017A PUBLIC IMP/SCHOOLS	83,405,000	3,375,000	3,243,528	6,618,528			
TOTAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	\$ 989,746,533	\$ 99,706,321	\$ 46,588,351	\$ 146,294,672			
Capital Lease - Forensic Facility	5,397,468	360,521	111,203	471,724			
Projected Short Term Debt Cost			1,296,056	1,296,056			
Swap Interest & Issuance Cost			1,750,000	1,750,000			
TOTAL DEBT OUTSTANDING	\$ 995,144,001	\$100,066,842	\$ 49,745,610	\$ 149,812,452			

# **Outstanding Debt - Principal Only**



## **OUTSTANDING DEBT OBLIGATIONS**

As of June 30, 2017

Schools (82%) County Infrastructure (18%)

#### **Total Bonds and Notes Payable**

Swap Interest & Issuance Cost Projected Short Term Debt Cost Capital Leases - Forensic Center **Total Debt Service** 

<b>Debt Outstanding</b>	FY18 Payment Requirement					
at 6/30/17	Principal	Interest	Total			
817,008,700	82,465,117	37,652,706	120,117,823			
\$ 172,737,833	\$ 17,241,204	\$ 8,935,645	\$ 26,176,849			
989,746,533	99,706,321	46,588,351	146,294,672			
-	-	1,750,000	1,750,000			
		1,296,056	1,296,056			
5,397,468	360,521	111,203	471,724			
\$ 995,144,001	\$ 100,066,842	\$ 49,745,610	\$ 149,812,452			

**FY18 Budgeted Debt Payments** 

Schedule of Outstanding Bonded Debt at 6/30/17						
FY Ended	Bonds	Interest	Fiscal			
June	Payable	Payable	Total			
2018	99,706,321	46,588,351	146,294,672			
2019	95,221,321	43,181,084	138,402,405			
2020	93,441,321	38,961,188	132,402,509			
2021	91,413,821	34,794,183	126,208,004			
2022	88,701,321	30,828,186	119,529,507			
2023	87,656,321	27,213,917	114,870,238			
2024	79,586,321	23,561,414	103,147,735			
2025	78,701,321	20,144,258	98,845,579			
2026	69,141,321	16,662,032	85,803,353			
2027	47,540,604	13,082,686	60,623,290			
2028	25,624,040	7,867,857	33,491,897			
2029	23,752,500	6,549,022	30,301,522			
2030	17,610,000	5,480,331	23,090,331			
2031	31,350,000	4,452,528	35,802,528			
2032	12,627,500	3,161,088	15,788,588			
2033	13,207,500	2,480,325	15,687,825			
2034	13,817,500	1,768,500	15,586,000			
2035	6,997,500	1,024,000	8,021,500			
2036	7,345,000	674,125	8,019,125			
2037	6,305,000	315,250	6,620,250			
TOTAL	\$ 989,746,533	\$ 328,790,325	\$1,318,536,858			

Acct Description	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY17 Amended	FY18 Adopted
40 - Property Taxes	(137,356,530)	(135,962,536)	(135,065,977)	(137,040,000)	(130,760,000)
41 - Other Local Taxes	(35,868,201)	(48,816,906)	(35,506,016)	(13,188,000)	(14,729,000)
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues-State of	(67,436)	0	0	0	0
44 - Intergovernmental Revenues-Federal &	(1,204,036)	(1,115,919)	(994,950)	(1,109,586)	(1,109,586)
45 - Charges for Services	(225,749)	(225,750)	(225,750)	(225,750)	(225,750)
47 - Other Revenue	(717,739)	(614,371)	(641,241)	(531,700)	(571,000)
48 - Investment Income	(1,058,206)	(1,306,292)	(1,468,280)	(500,000)	(400,000)
Revenue	(176,497,897)	(188,041,774)	(173,902,214)	(152,595,036)	(147,795,336)
64 - Services & Other Expenses	271,500	267,565	254,300	352,412	0
66 - Professional & Contracted Services	141,625	134,579	135,682	190,000	166,300
Operating & Maintenance	413,125	402,144	389,982	542,412	166,300
80 - Debt Service Expenditure	167,300,827	161,410,530	280,852,532	149,242,745	149,812,459
Debt Services	167,300,827	161,410,530	280,852,532	149,242,745	149,812,459
94 - Other Sources & Uses	0	17,827,758	(85,819,811)	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	17,827,758	(85,819,811)	0	0
Expenditures	167,713,952	179,640,432	195,422,703	149,785,157	149,978,759
99 - Planned Use of Fund Balances	0	0	0	(3,870,121)	(2,183,423)
Planned Fund Balance Change	0	0	0	(3,870,121)	(2,183,423)
Planned Fund Balance Change	0	0	0	(3,870,121)	(2,183,423)
96 - Operating Transfers In	0	(2,248,502)	0	0	0
Operating Transfers In	0	(2,248,502)	0	0	0
98 - Operating Transfers Out	6,280,000	6,508,000	6,680,000	6,680,000	0
Operating Transfers Out	6,280,000	6,508,000	6,680,000	6,680,000	0
Net Transfers	6,280,000	4,259,498	6,680,000	6,680,000	0
SUMMARY TOTAL	(2,503,945)	(4,141,844)	28,200,489	0	0

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